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SPECIAL INSERTS:

**Corporate Report to the Community.**

**2004 Water Quality Report.**

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

BLOOMINGTON'S 22ND ANNUAL National Night Out celebration will be



held  
**Tuesday,  
August 2.**

Last year,  
more than  
14,000  
residents

from 313 neighborhoods joined forces in the effort to prevent crime. Police squads, K-9 units, fire trucks and paramedic units showed support by visiting block parties. Registration materials will soon be sent to block captains. For more information, call 952-563-8808.

## BOOK 'EM

USED BOOKS ARE ON THE MOST WANTED list. Bloomington Crime Prevention Association's 12th Annual Used Book Sale will be held **June 10 - 25**, at 9601 Newton Ave. S. Proceeds fund crime and violence prevention initiatives. For information or drop-off locations, call 952-884-6210. Books will be collected at drop-off locations and on-site during the sale.

## FAMILY EVENTS AT CREEKSIDE

VISIT CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER, 9801 Penn Ave. S., for the following events presented by Human Services. For more information, call 952-563-4957 V/TTY.

## SAFETY FESTIVAL AND OPEN HOUSE

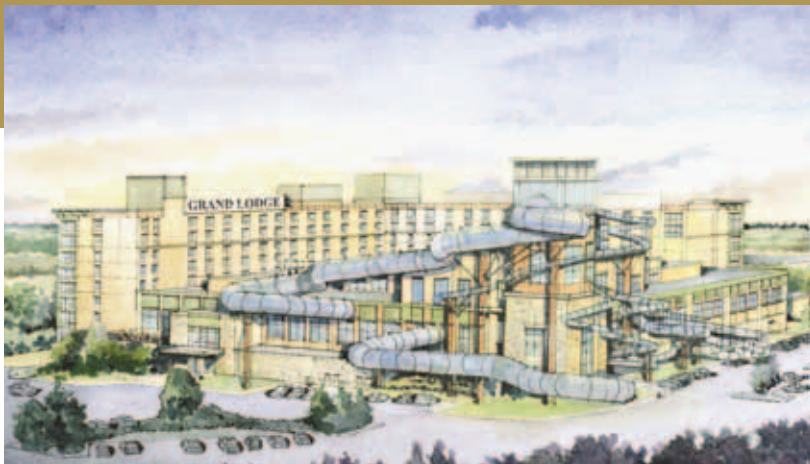
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 5TH Annual Bloomington Safety Festival on **Saturday, August 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Check out the Police K-9 Unit, MADD Crash Car, and the Fire Department's smoke house and fire truck. Visit Creekside's woodshop, boutique, lapidary, pool room and buyer's club. An animal petting zoo and inflatable jumper will also be available for children.

## ANIMAL EXTRAVAGANZA

WOOD LAKE NATURE CENTER STAFF will show off their interesting animal friends and present many fascinating facts on the creatures that live around us. Children and adults of all ages are invited to this free event on **Wednesday, August 24, at 9:30 a.m.**

## CITY OF HOSPITALITY TOP INDUSTRY BOUNCES BACK

HOSPITALITY IS BLOOMINGTON'S NUMBER ONE INDUSTRY, employing more than 20,000 people. A growing economy is helping the hotel industry make a comeback from 2002 lows. Smith Travel Research, a lodging industry information and data provider, shows Bloomington's 2004 occupancy rate rose to 69 percent, up from 65 percent in 2003. There are almost 7,000 hotel rooms in Bloomington with more coming to replace the 780 rooms lost due to the airport's expansion and new runway. Hotels have been included as part of preliminary development plans for projects in the Airport South District. According to *The Business Journal*, those in hospitality say new development planned in the area is going to make Bloomington the place to be.



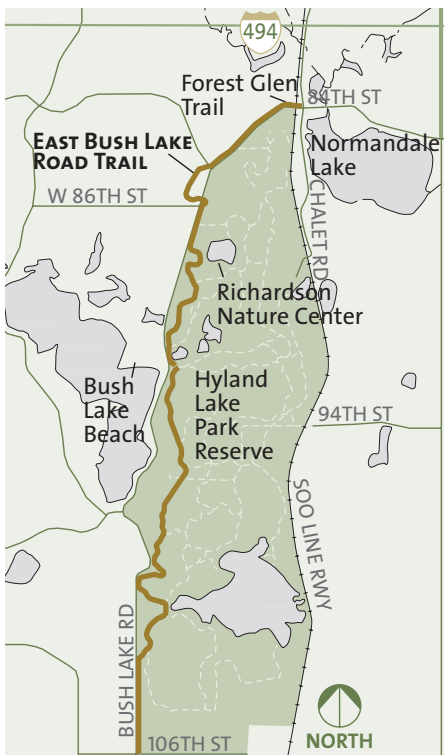
The 403-room Grand Lodge and Water Park of America, 1700 American Blvd. E., is currently under construction. The development is *The Business Journal's* Best in Real Estate award winner.

## BLOOMINGTON'S EXCEPTIONAL PARK SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULED FOR 2005

AS BLOOMINGTON DEVELOPED FROM A RURAL TO URBAN COMMUNITY, THE CITY BEGAN to create public parks and open spaces. Today, almost 9,000 acres provide recreational and relaxation opportunities for all ages, ability levels and interests. The following improvements are planned for Bloomington parks in 2005.

### EAST BUSH LAKE ROAD TRAIL

Pedestrian and bikeway improvements will soon be underway along East Bush Lake Road from 106th to 84th Street. The project uses new and existing trails to provide a continuous 3.34-mile trail with access to Hyland Lake Park Reserve, Bush Lake Beach, Richardson Nature Center, Forest Glen Trail and Normandale Lake. A federal grant will fund up to 80 percent of construction costs. Hennepin County, Three Rivers Park District, City of Bloomington and Metropolitan Council grants will also fund the project. For more information, call 952-563-4914.



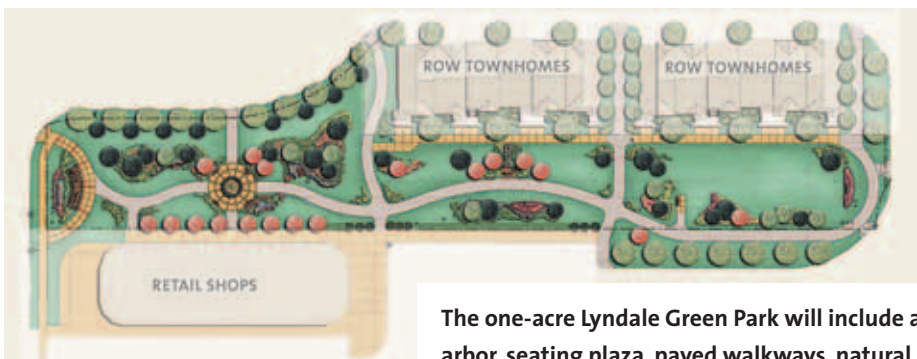
**Construction of East Bush Lake Road Trail from 106th to west of Chalet Road begins in June with completion by summer 2006. The connection to 84th Street at Chalet Road will begin in fall 2006.**

### CEDARCREST PARK

Last fall, construction began to enhance Cedarcrest Park, 8600 Bloomington Ave. S. Improvements include installation of a water play area, playground equipment, paved walkways, picnic tables, benches and landscaping with trees and shrubs. Replacement of the softball field, tennis court and the addition of a basketball court are proposed for the future. Cost of improvements is \$298,000. Completion is scheduled for summer 2005. For more information, call 952-563-8738.



**Cedarcrest Park will be the first Bloomington city park to feature a water play area.**



### LYNDALE GREEN PARK

Lyndale Green Park, part of Lyndale Green redevelopment at 84th Street and Lyndale Avenue, is a cooperative effort between Bloomington-based United Properties, the Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority and the City of Bloomington. United Properties contributed \$150,000 toward construction costs for the \$300,000 project and agreed to share future maintenance costs for the park. For more information, call 952-563-8876.

**The one-acre Lyndale Green Park will include an arbor, seating plaza, paved walkways, natural gardens, a swinging bench and open lawn.**

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